

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Finow Airfield

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EVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT 19 March to 2 April 1954

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1. The following air activity was observed at Finow airfield between 19 and 29 March 1954:

19 March. Between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., swept-back jet fighters with extended landing gears made individual local flights. Not more than three aircraft were seen aloft at the same time. During periods of between 15 and 30 minutes no flights were made. Two formations of three MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were observed.

20 March. Swept-back jet fighters with extended landing gears made local flights. There was a 4/10 overcast.

21 March. There was no flying.

23 March. There was local flying by aircraft, about half of which had their landing gears retracted. In the afternoon, a twin-engine monoplane was observed over the field.

26 March. About 11:45 a.m., a jet aircraft was heard flying above the clouds. No more air activity was observed. There was a closed ceiling.

29 March. In the morning, flying aircraft were repeatedly seen.

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2. The following air activity was observed at the field between 22 March and 2 April:

22 March. Between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., swept-back jet fighters practiced individual flying and flying in elements of twos.

23 March. Individual local flying was made.

24 March. There was intensive air activity including individual flying and flying in formations of twos and fours.

29 March. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., individual flying and flying in formations of twos was practiced.

30 March. Between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., there was flying as on the preceding day.

31 March. Two swept-back jet fighters, each towing an air sleeve, were seen aloft, but no firing practices were observed. Individual local flying and a formation flight of 12 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s was observed.

1 April. Between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., individual flying and flying in formations of four aircraft was practiced.

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